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Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2001 for the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims to read as shown:

53. An optical beam steering apparatus comprising:
- a single substrate body defined by an upper surface and formed with at least one cavity including an upper cavity formed on the upper surface of the substrate body and a primary optical path for accommodating the passage of a light beam aligned in a predetermined orientation with the upper cavity,
 - a beam steering assembly having a steerable element positioned substantially adjacent the upper cavity for controllably directing the light beam from the steerable element generally toward a lower surface of the single substrate body, and
 - a cover plate for covering at least said one cavity and an adjacent surface of the substrate body.